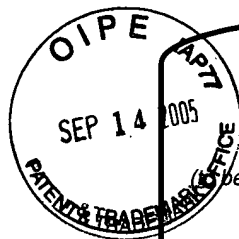


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 14, 2005 ("Office Action") and respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.